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[redacted] has reviewed the manuscript of NIS 22, Sect. 62 as requested. The manuscript was well written, and only relatively few questions resulted from the review. These questions have been discussed with [redacted] on May 16 and 17, and are forwarded herewith for the record.

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General Comments

A few general comments are listed first in the interest in clarifying some points discussed with [redacted]

1. Maps to accompany the text have not been seen. Any textual changes should be followed, if appropriate, by changes on the maps.

2. It would be helpful if place names in the text that do not appear on a map were followed by relevant geographic coordinates.

3. The term "region" was used frequently. Sometimes an administrative unit (Romanian: regiune) was meant and sometimes the reference was to a general area. It is recommended that the native term (regiune) be used whenever the administrative unit is meant, and that the English equivalent be given in parentheses when the term is first used, as: Craiova regiune (region -- the 1st. order administrative subdivision of Rumania). Alternatively, the native term might be explained by a footnote. The term "district" also has two meanings, and is also used ambiguously. Sometimes the term is used to mean raion, a 2nd. order administrative unit, and sometimes the term is used to mean a general area. Where an administrative unit is meant, it is recommended that the Romanian word raion be employed with an adequate explanation in parentheses or as a footnote when first used.

4. To help locate oil, coal, or gas fields, names of nearby towns are often used. When two or more towns are used to locate a field, the names may be separated by hyphens or by commas. Because some place names in Rumania consist of two hyphenated names, it is recommended that to avoid confusion, commas be used universally when two or more towns are grouped for locational purposes.

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5. Changes in terminology must be uniform throughout text.

Specific Comments

The following comments refer to specific places in the text and were discussed with

Part A

1. (Page 2, 7th. line from bottom)

Add "and gas" after "petroleum..."

2. (Page 3, lines 8-9)

Alter sentence to get across idea of how lack of pipelines hampered production of gas in Transylvania.

3. (Page 4, line 6)

Suggest "during" instead of "over" for clarity.

4. (Page 5, lines 1-4)

Statement that "very" irregular flow of rivers necessitates costly reservoirs for hydroelectric plants seems overly strong. Suggest "very" be deleted.

5. (Page 10, 10th. line from bottom)

Fact that thermoelectric power accounts for practically all of electric power production should be brought out earlier. Use of word "thermoelectric" would be helpful on Page 4, under discussion of electric power.

Part B

1. (Page 5, lines 7-8)

Use of "Jiu Valley basin" seems redundant. Jiu Valley covers much area, but basin described is only one small part of river system.

2. (Page 27, lines 11-13)

Sentence beginning "At the Resita plant..." not clear. Is the new battery a third one? (See line 2).

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3. (Page 28, 10th. to 7th. lines from bottom)

Fact that Romanian coal makes poor coke should be brought out earlier, for example on Page 3-5.

4. (Page 37, line 3)

What is meant by "productive"?

5. (Page 37, lines 7-9)

"Broad leaf" and "coniferous" are not species. Also, suggest use of "deciduous" with coniferous.

6. (Page 39, line 5)

Wood must also be widely used for cooking. Suggest inserting "and cooking" before "purposes".

7. (Page 40, lines 3-5)

Sentence not clear. Are very small amounts of pest produced by hand as compared with the amount produced by machine?

Part C

1. (Page 1, lines 3-4)

Many European countries have found oil in places not close to Alpine-Carpathian mountain system -- France, Italy. It is questionable also whether oil fields of Yugoslavia and Austria are located in the foothills of this system.

2. (Page 1, 8th. line from bottom)

Why "Industrial Free Europe"? Suggest "Western Europe" instead.

3. (Page 6, 1st. paragraph)

This subdivision is not logical. The Western Lowlands are not part of the Carpathian mountain system. Either revise breakdown (See Attachment A), or state that lowlands are grouped with mountains for purposes of this study.

4. (Page 7, line 1)

Alpine core not previously identified.

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5. (Page 7, 7th. to 9th. lines from bottom)
Suggest rewording of sentence to eliminate use of "before".
6. (Page 7, 3rd. line from bottom)
The first two orogenies were not identified.
7. (Page 7, 1st. line from bottom)
The Carpathian geosyncline was not identified previously.
8. (Page 8, line 8)
Part of Bacovia is (or was) in northern Rumania.
9. (Page 8, 4th. line from bottom)
The first two orogenies were not identified (See comment No. 6, above).
10. (Page 10, line 3)
Reference to "national borders" is not clear. Suggest deletion of term.
11. (Page 10, 6th. line from bottom)
Suggest "plains" for "plains areas".
12. (Page 11, lines 1-4)
Regime was communist in 1948.
13. (Page 11, 6th. and 5th. lines from bottom)
Use of "district" here is confusing, because units named currently refer to a region, a valley, and a river. See No. 3 under General Comments.
14. (Page 12, line 1)
Is "Western" (in case) legitimate?
15. (Page 13, line 7)
Some names involved (in comment No. 13 above) followed by term "area".
Use of "district" and "area" is confusing.

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16. (Page 13, 4th. to 2nd. lines from bottom)

Should "Central", "Eastern", and "Western" be in caps? (See also comment No. 14).

17. (Page 14, 7th. line from bottom)

Term "Western Plain" not used before. See Page 6, where Western Lowlands is used.

18. (Page 17, line 4)

Suggest "Carpathian" be deleted, and sentence revised.

19. (Page 17, lines 12-13)

Double use of word "district" questioned.

20. (Page 17, 4th. line from bottom to end of page)

Statement that old designations are employed should appear sooner.

21. (Page 20, 4th. and 3rd. lines from bottom)

This statement about 4 oil regions would be more helpful earlier on Page 17.

22. (Page 21, 6th. line from bottom)

Should be 3 regions, not four.

23. (Page 41, 4th. line from bottom)

Date should be 1957.

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Enclosures: Attachment A

